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Chair: Ms. Hayashi

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 5.15 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-third session
(CEDAW/C/CZE/CO/6; CEDAW/C/HTI/CO/8-9; CEDAW/C/ISL/CO/7-8; CEDAW/C/JPN/CO/7-8; CEDAW/C/MNG/CO/8-9; CEDAW/C/SWE/CO/8-9; CEDAW/C/TZA/CO/7-8; CEDAW/C/VUT/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/2016/I/CRP.1)

1. **Ms. Schulz** (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft report, which was contained in document CEDAW/C/2016/I/CRP.1. She drew attention to chapter IV of the draft report concerning the draft concluding observations of the eight State party reports that the Committee had considered during its sixty-third session, which were contained in documents CEDAW/C/CZE/CO/6, CEDAW/C/HTI/CO/8-9, CEDAW/C/ISL/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/JPN/CO/7-8, CEDAW/C/MNG/CO/8-9, CEDAW/C/SWE/CO/8-9, CEDAW/C/TZA/CO/7-8 and CEDAW/C/VUT/CO/4-5.

2. **The Chair** said she took it that the Committee wished to adopt chapters I to III of the draft report and the documents containing the draft concluding observations.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Ms. Schulz** (Rapporteur) introduced the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, contained in chapters VI and VII of the draft report, and the provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session, contained in the draft report.

5. *The provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session was adopted.*

6. *The draft report of the Committee on its sixty-third session was adopted as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

Statement by the Chair

7. **The Chair** said that the Committee had considered eight State party reports during the session. It had also held informal meetings with non-governmental organizations (NGOs). She wished to pay tribute to International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAW) Asia Pacific, which supported a number of local NGOs.

8. She was grateful to the United Nations entities and other bodies that had provided detailed information, including the inter-agency group on reporting that had coordinated the submission of information by United Nations country teams to the Committee.

9. The Committee had made satisfactory progress with the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, in particular with its decisions on improving the structure of the constructive dialogues and streamlining concluding observations.

10. The Committee had held a half day of general discussion on the gender-related dimensions of disaster risk reduction and climate change, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Moreover, it had, the previous day, adopted general recommendation No. 34, which represented a milestone in the promotion and protection of the rights of rural women and should feed directly into the implementation of the 2013 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

11. The Committee had adopted three decisions on individual communications, based on excellent drafts provided by the Working Group on Communications. Thanks to the preparatory work of the Working Group on Inquiries, the Committee had also been able to make progress on a number of pending inquiry proceedings. Progress had

been made by the working group on gender-based violence against women, which had discussed a first draft of an updated version of general recommendation No. 19, and by an informal working group of the Committee, formed jointly with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), on the gender dimension of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Closure of the session

12. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chair** declared the sixty-third session closed.

The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.